Reviewing of schemes for setting up industries in backward areas

*93. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme for setting up of industries in backward areas through the 'No industry district' and 'backward district' classification has not achieved the desired results;

(b) whether any study has been made in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the results thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to review tre entire scheme in the light of the experience; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (e) The present incentive policy to take industry to backward areas has had a measure of sucess as may be seen from the number of Letters of Intent (IL) /Industrial Licences (IL) issued for setting up industries in backward areas from 1982 to 1985 (upto June) given below:

Year	Letters of Intent	Industrial Licence
1982	601	145
1983	664	317
1984	627	323
1985 (up to 30-6-1985	426	243

However, a number of suggestions have been received from State Governments about the incentives provided under this scheme and the Government have constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to review and revise the scheme of incentives for industrialisation of backward areas and No Industry Districts. The Committee will co-opt officers of State Governments from different regions in the country and is expected to submit its report by 31-12-85.

Delicensing of bulk drugs

*94. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have delicensed 82 bulk drugs recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian Small Scale Manufacturers Association have represented to Government and expressed serious concern over the decision;

(c) whether it is feared that due to this decision of Government a number of small scale drug manufacturing units will be closed down; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government has delicensed 12 bulk drugs/drug intermediates during March, 1985 and 82 bulk drugs and related formulations during June, 1985.

(b) This Ministry has not received any representation from Indian Small Scale Manuafcturers Association.

(c) and (d) According to the policy in force since 1978, non-MRTP non-FERA companies are eligible for DGTD registration for the manufacture of all drugs and pharmaceuticals approved for use in the country and not reserved for smal scale/public sector. The scheme of delicensing, as tions, is intended to further simplify the licensing procedures for non-FERA and non-MRTP companies in